

To: Community Planning Partnership Oversight Group

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Report by:
Chief Executive

TITLE:
Development of new Community Plan

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Council has robust strategic planning arrangements at partnership, organisation and service levels. These arrangements are regularly refreshed and reviewed in order to comply with the requirements of the Scottish Government and relevant legislation.
- 1.2 The Council Plan and Community Plan represent the two principal strategic documents for both the organisation and for the Renfrewshire area. The Community Plan (Local Outcome Improvement Plan) sets out the key priorities for Renfrewshire which will be targeted by community planning partners with local communities over a 10 year period. The Council Plan specifically sets out the Council's role in terms of delivering on these ambitions, whilst also setting specific priorities for the organisation in terms of the services provided.
- 1.3 The Community Empowerment Act 2015 has introduced a statutory requirement for community planning partners to publish a new ten year Local Outcomes Improvement Plan by 1 October 2017 (hereafter referred to as the "Community Plan"). A key requirement of the new plan is that it must confirm proposals to develop at least one locality plan which will address inequality across an agreed geographical area or community of interest.
- 1.4 Work has been undertaken by community planning partners to commence the development of the Community Plan and to identify potential options for the locality plans. This has specifically been aligned to early work on the preparation of a new Council Plan covering the period 2017-2022.
- 1.5 This report provides a summary for members of the board of the development work undertaken for both the new Community Plan. This includes engagement with communities and with partners to consider some of the findings from an exercise which was undertaken to consider the data we have about Renfrewshire, its communities and its people.

- 1.6 The information gathered through this process has been used to shape common themes and areas of priority which would form the basis of both the Community Plan, subject to further discussion with members of the board. These early themes and priorities are presented to the board to provide the framework for discussion only, recognising that significant input and direction will be given by members on both the Cross Party Sounding Board and the CPP Oversight Group.
- 1.7 Following discussion, it is intended that further work is undertaken by officers to finalise the content of the Community Plan in order that the plan can be submitted to full Council for approval on 28 September 2017. The Local Outcome Improvement Plan has a statutory publication date of the 1st October 2017.

2. **Recommendations**

2.1 Members are asked to:

- Note progress made in developing the new Community Plan
- Discuss potential priorities and activities to be reflected within the Community Plan

3. **Background**

- 3.1 Renfrewshire Council has a robust strategic planning framework, which ensures that the Council works effectively at partnership, organisational and service level to plan and deliver services, and improve outcomes for local people, businesses and communities.
- 3.2 The Community Plan summarises the priorities for Renfrewshire that the Council and its community planning partners (the other public bodies and third sector organisations that deliver services within Renfrewshire) have identified and agreed that can best be achieved by working closely together. The Community Plan usually covers a longer period of time than the Council Plan and the current plan runs for ten years from 2013 to 2023.
- 3.3 Both the Council and Community Plans have come to the natural end of their cycle, with new plans requiring to be developed during the remainder of 2017. In particular there is a requirement for a new Local Outcome Improvement Plan (Community Plan) to be agreed and published by Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership by 1 October 2017.
- 3.4 The requirement to produce a Community Plan during the same period of development as a new Council Plan, represents an opportunity for the Council to work with partners to strengthen and refocus strategic planning arrangements as required.

3.5 Appendix 1 provides more detailed background information relating to requirements of the Community Plan for members.

4. Development activity – analysing the data, consultation and engagement

4.1 A significant body of work has been undertaken by officers to inform the development of both the Council and the Community Plan. The approach taken has adopted the following key themes:

Theme 1 – Using the information the Council and its partners have about local people, businesses, communities and services, to identify potential challenges and opportunities for Renfrewshire.

Work has been undertaken with partners to gather and analyse data jointly. Existing data sources have been considered together for the first time in this way, which has included analysis of rich sources of data such as the All Children's Study which represents the voice of 10,000 children and young people in Renfrewshire.

Theme 2- Consultation and engagement with communities

This process has involved engaging with communities and with different partner organisation across sectors. Officers have used the Place Standard tool to consult on what it's like to live and work in local communities. Consultation sessions have also allowed officers to test some of the findings from the data analysis and check whether the findings resonate with local people. Engagement has been undertaken with Community Councils and Local Area Committees.

Theme 3 – Identifying common themes and priorities

More detailed work has been undertaken in recent weeks to consider all data and consultation evidence and to identify common themes and priorities for both the new Community Plan and the Council Plan. These have been tested with senior representatives from community planning partners and with senior officers and are now ready to provide a framework for discussion with elected members on key priorities and areas of focus for both plans.

4.2 Further detail on consultation and engagement activity is summarised in Appendix 2.

5. What the evidence tells us

5.1 All information gathered through the needs assessment and consultation and engagement process has now been analysed. The findings indicate that there are both opportunities and challenges for Renfrewshire Council and partners in relation to a number of common themes. A draft strategic framework for the new Community Plan can be found at Appendix 3, which gives details of strategic priorities and activity areas identified through the development process so far.

5.2 A presentation will be provided to members of the board which will provide:

- an overview of the strategic needs assessment undertaken
- further detail on the areas of challenge and opportunity identified through consultation and engagement

5.3 Following the Community Planning Partnership Oversight Group, the Community Planning Executive Group, which is comprised of Chief Executive level representatives from partner organisations, will meet to discuss the Plan. The Community Plan will also be submitted to Council on 28th September 2017, where members will be asked to approve the Council's contribution to the Community Plan.

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Appendix 1 – Development of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan

Community Planning – Renfrewshire Local Outcome Improvement Plan

- 1 The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 requires Community Planning Partnerships to develop and publish a Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) and Locality Plans by 1 October 2017.
- 2 The Local Outcome Improvement Plan replaces the previous Single Outcome Agreement arrangements. Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership previously agreed that its existing Single Outcome Agreement, which was integrated with the 2013-23 community plan, would be redesignated as the Local Outcome Improvement Plan.
- 3 Each Community Planning Partnership is required to have a new Local Outcome Improvement Plan in place by 1 October 2017. Guidance states that the Local Outcome Improvement Plan should provide a vision and focus, based on agreed local priorities, that enables partners to deliver real change in impact for local communities, with a strong approach to performance management, governance, accountability and operating arrangements.
- 4 The LOIP must demonstrate and provide evidence of:
 - Understanding of local needs, circumstances and aspirations and how engagement with local communities, business and third sectors has developed this understanding
 - Identification of communities that experience poorer outcomes than others in the area or elsewhere in Scotland
5. The LOIP must then turn this understanding into a plan to improve outcomes and tackle inequalities, setting out clear and agreed priorities. The link between each local outcome and the National Outcomes should be shown. The LOIP must set out outcomes, indicators and targets over a one year, three and ten year timeframe.
6. Active participation by communities in the development of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan is a requirement within the Community Empowerment Act. This may include any community bodies that contribute to community planning, residents, businesses, representative bodies and those who experience inequality as a result of socio-economic disadvantage and communities either of place or interest.
7. Statutory partners in community planning must sign off and agree the LOIP by 1 October 2017. Other non-statutory community planning partners may also sign the LOIP. Once agreed, the Local Outcome Improvement Plan should be kept up to date and reviewed periodically.

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8. In addition to the area-wide LOIP, Community Planning Partnerships are also required to produce and publish by 1 October 2017, a number of Locality Plans, to be determined by the CPP, in order to reduce inequalities of outcome resulting from socio-economic disadvantage. This can be based on communities of place and communities of interest.
9. The Locality Plans should focus on how the specific inequalities experienced by the population, in relation to other areas/populations, should be reduced. Like the LOIP, each Locality Plan must evidence local circumstances and set outcomes and targets for one, three and ten year periods.
10. The Locality Plans should show how community planning partners are deploying resources to deliver agreed outcomes, reduce inequalities and build community capacity. A particular focus in plans should be on the promotion of activity to prevent future inequalities and reactive spending. Arrangements for signing off Locality Plans by 1 October 2017 and reviewing and updating plans are the same as those for the Local Outcome Improvement Plan.

Appendix 2 – Summary of consultation and engagement undertaken to date

Key stages in the development of the Renfrewshire Community Plan to date are as follows:

- New governance structure for Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership agreed in December 2016.
- Presentations to the five Local Area Committees in February/March 2017. These presentations outlined the timeline for development of the Community Plan and information on outcomes and inequalities across all areas in Renfrewshire and also invited discussion and comment.
- Similar to Local Area Committees, a presentation was also made to the Community Councils Forum during this period. Subsequent to this presentation, further presentations were made at Johnstone, Paisley North and Elderslie Community Councils.
- Work to gather information and evidence on strategic needs took place during the first six months of 2016. Detailed data profiles have been established covering the topics of: People, Neighbourhoods, Children and Young People, Health and Wellbeing, Public Safety and Economy. A partner information day for information officers took place in May 2017 to ensure that the data picture was accurate and complete from all partners' perspectives.
- Views on priorities for the new community plan and implementation of the governance structure were sought from the six thematic Community Planning Boards at their last meeting under the previous structure, in order to inform the development process.
- Community events were held during June and July 2017 in Renfrew, Johnstone, Paisley, Langbank, Erskine, Lochwinnoch and Linwood during June and July 2017. These events presented information on strategic needs and priorities and used the Place

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Standard tool and pledge cards to gather views of people on their communities. These views will inform the development of the Community Plan.

- Also in June 2017, community engagement with young people on their priorities took place as part of the Global Goals event in Gryffe High School.
- Following these events, the Place Standard has been issued electronically via survey monkey to gather in as many views as possible. In response to requests, further engagement events will also take place in August/September with youth groups (CREATE and Street Stuff), STAR Project, a Head Injuries Group and Bishopston Community Council.
- The first meeting of the Executive Group of Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership took place in July 2017. Early draft content of the community plan was presented for discussion and the direction of the Executive Group. A revised draft will be presented to the Executive Group in September 2017, prior to final agreement by Renfrewshire Council and other Community Planning Partners.

Appendix 3 – Draft Strategic Framework for new Community Plan

Strategic Outcomes	Maximising economic growth, which is sustainable and inclusive	Supporting the wellness and resilience of our citizens and communities	Addressing the inequalities which limit life chances	Protecting vulnerable people, and working together to manage the risk of harm	A Community Planning Partnership which is sustainable and connected
<p>Strategic Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making sure Renfrewshire's investment and opportunities deliver for all • Enhancing the image and reputation of Paisley, and Renfrewshire as a whole, in Scotland, the UK and internationally • Growing our working age population by attracting and retaining citizens • Identifying opportunities for economic growth across the City Region, and developing thriving and sustainable cultural, creative, digital and manufacturing sectors • Ensuring the infrastructure is in place to support growth (such as housing, transport and schools) • Equipping people with the skills and pathways to access opportunities, and making sure people can access work which affords them an acceptable standard of living • Making Renfrewshire a truly "digital" location, which is ready to embrace and harness the benefits of digital change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting wellbeing and good mental health, particularly in our young people • Tackling isolation and loneliness, by connecting communities to each other • Promoting healthy lifestyles that support both physical and mental health • Supporting our older population to stay active • Developing strong community-based services • Enabling communities to have their voice heard, and influence the places and services around them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring our children get the best possible start in life • Addressing the poverty related attainment gap, and young people can achieve success after school • Tackling health inequalities and improving healthy life expectancy • Reducing drug and alcohol misuse in our communities • Identifying people's needs early, by sharing information and working together • Delivering locality plans for communities with disparate outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protecting vulnerable people, ensuring they can live safely and independently • Managing risk of harm and offending behaviour • Tackling domestic and gender based violence • Supporting prison leavers within the community justice arrangements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying opportunities to share and connect our resources • Supporting people to access the right service at the right time, reducing demand on acute and response services • Making sure we are ready to respond to major threats and crisis • Sharing data and intelligence across the partnership • Listening and responding to the needs of communities, and partners 	

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